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 Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED
 PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT
 Grp./Div. : 3627
 Examiner : Kenneth R. Rice
 Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

AMENDMENT

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 January 13, 2003

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 35-37. The now pending claims are as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for controlling product items with shelf-life limitations comprising:
 means for determining shelf-life limitation information for each of one or more product items;
 means for recording said shelf-life limitation information for each of said one or more product items;

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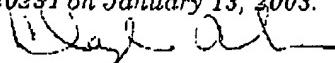
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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	13	* 33	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****				IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"		-0-
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:	1, 35					
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

- Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
- A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
- Other enclosures: